

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: MATSUHISA et al. }
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC
ACID AND UTILIZATION THEREOF }
AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE
Submitted Via Electronic Filing

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FOR FINAL OFFICE ACTION and REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the final Office action having a mailing date of March 9, 2010. In addition, a request for continued examination along with the request fee is being submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970. Please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.